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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 17, 2002

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2002 ("Office Action"). A request for a one month extension of time is submitted herewith. Please consider the following amended claims:

~~Claim 1. (amended) A low gloss powder coating composition consisting essentially of at least one resin selected from the group consisting of thermosetting resins and thermoplastic resins and spheroidal particles, wherein said spheroidal particles comprise 5 to 50 wt. % of the coating composition and have a median particle diameter of greater than 10 microns and have a maximum particle diameter of about 50 microns and are selected from the group consisting of glass microspheres, ceramic microspheres, spheroidal minerals, polymer microspheres and metal microspheres and the resin is selected from the group consisting of saturated polyesters, unsaturated polyesters, acrylic resins, acrylate resins, polyester-urethanes, acrylic-urethanes, epoxy, epoxy-polyester, polyester-acrylics, epoxy-acrylics, polyamides, polyvinylchloride, polyethylene, polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate and polypropylene.~~

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~~Claim 5. (amended) A process of reducing gloss of a powder coating, comprising the steps of adding to a powder coating composition comprising a resin selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic resins and thermosetting resins between 5 and 60 wt. %, based on the weight of the composition, of spheroidal~~

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